GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

TWD-GCC-Denationalization of Five (5) Minor Forest Produce Commodities viz., Tamarind, Gum karaya, Mohwa Seed, Pungam (Karanjee Seed) & Chiranjee from the list of nationalized (Monopoly) Category of GCC – Sanction accorded - Orders - Issued.

Tribal Welfare (GCC) Department

G.O.Ms.No.68 **Date.16-10-2015**
Read:-

From the VC & MD, GCC Lr.No.241/2015/M1, Dt.16-09-2015.
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Order:

In the letter read above the VC &MD, Girijan Cooperative Corporation Limited has stated that Government of India has taken a decision to implement marketing of Minor Forest Produce (MFP) through Minimum Support Price (MSP) w.e.f 2013-14 with an objective to ensure fair returns to the MFP gatherers by way of MSP for identified 12 MFPs collected by them. The MFP listed under MSP are:1)Sal Leaf, 2)Sale Seed, 3)Lac, 4)Tedu, 5)Bamboo, 6)Chironjee, 7)Wild Honey, 8)Karanjee 9)Mohwa Seed 10)Tamarind 11)Gum Karaya & 12)Myroabalans.

The MSP Scheme is planned to be initially implemented in States having Scheduled area and Scheduled Tribes in accordance with the 5th Scheduled of the Indian Constitution**.**

The GOI has left out Andhra Pradesh of this scheme of MSP for MFP:

By restricting the support of Minimum Support Price to Minor Forest Produce only to non nationalized commodities of respective States, the Government of India has created a barrier to the MFP Collectors of Andhra Pradesh to benefit from the rights guaranteed under PESA. The MSP to MFP should have been rather extended to all States which are enforcing PESA rather than to only to Non-Nationalized / Non- Monopolized commodities, as PESA is a central Act guaranting rights over Forest Produce to the Forest Dwellers of the areas under the 5th Schedule.

MFP items vested with GCC under monopoly and as a single channelizing agency:

In Andhra Pradesh, 25 MFP items have been nationalized by Government and issued exclusive monopoly rights to GCC to purchase and trade in these MFPs. With vested rights, since 1956, GCC is safeguarding the interests of tribals from exploitation by middlemen.

Section 3 of the FRA Act confers Forest Rights on the forest dwellers including the right to ownership, access to collect, use and dispose of MFP which have been traditionally collected by them subject to Government of Andhra Pradesh issued rules under the said Act during 2011 restricting said Forest Rights to Monopoly Rights given to GCC.

Due to non extension of MSP to MFP in Andhra Pradesh, 25.00 lakhs tribal population living and eking out their livelihood in Scheduled areas across 25,000 Sq. Km of Andhra Pradesh lost their right to MSP introduced by Government of India.

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Denationalization of 5 MFP items proposed:

Out of 12 MFPs declared by GOI under the list of MFPs handled by GCC, 7 MFPs are under monopoly of GCC. They are: 1.Chiranjee, 2.Wild honey, 3.Karanje Seed, 4.Mohwa Seed, 5.Tamarind, 6.Gum Karaya and 7.Myrobalans. Out of the other five (5) MFPs under MSP declared by GOI 1.Sal Leaf 2.Sal Seed 3. Lac are not available in the State of Andhra Pradesh and the other two (2) MFPs ie., Tendu & Bamboo are being handled by Forest Department.

The Government of India during the review meeting with all Tribal Development Cooperative Corporations (TDCCs) on implementation of MSP which was held at New Delhi on dt.11-07-2015 categorically informed to State of Andhra Pradesh to take immediate decision on delisting MFPs fallen under MSP recommended by GOI and to submit specific proposals at the earliest. The GOI also informed the State Governments to delist part of the MFPs enabling them to consider MSP for MFP on case to case basis & 31st December, 2015 is the deadline fixed by GOI for Government of Andhra Pradesh to become eligible for funding for the financial 2016-17 under the MSP scheme.

In addition to envisaged advantages to tribals, the MSP Scheme also safe guards the interests of TDCCs in the form of working capital / revolving fund to bear the losses if any occurred due to implementation of MSP in the ratio of 75:25 by the Central and State Governments.

In the light of the above, the VC & MD, Girijan Cooperative Corporation Ltd., has requested to denationalise Five (5) MFPs out of Seven (7) MFPs that are fallen under MSP Scheme viz., Tamarind, Gum Karaya, Mohwa Seed, Pungam Seed (Karnajee Seed), and Chiranjee from the list of monopoly of GCC.

In view of the above, Government after careful examination hereby accord sanction for Denationalization of five (5) MFPs viz., Tamarind, Gum Karaya, Mohwa Seed, Pungam Seed (Karanjee Seed), and Chiranjee from the list of monopoly of GCC.

The VC & MD, Girijan Cooperative Corporation Ltd., is requested to take necessary action accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

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